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SUBJECT: FISHERMAN'S PROTECTIVE ACT DEDUCTIONS

REF: (A) QUITO 5822; (B) STATE 221982

1. FINANCIAL PLAN SUBMITTED REFTEL (A) PROVIDES ONLY SMALL MARGIN OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO COVER THE DEDUCTION SHOULD IT BE REQUIRED, AND, DEPENDING ON THE BASE WE ULTIMATELY DECIDE TO USE, MIGHT PUT USAID IN A POSITION OF HAVING TO CUT INTO ACTIVITIES THAT HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR RETENTION. WE HOPE TO USE FY 1974 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION AS BASE BUT THIS MIGHT HAVE TO BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON AID LEGISLATION.

2. BECAUSE LAW REFERS TO FUNDS PROGRAMMED "FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY," AND AIFLD PROJECT IS NOT INCLUDED IN CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION AS PART OF ECUADOR PROGRAM, AIFLD CANNOT RPT NOT BE INCLUDED IN BASE FROM WHICH DEDUCTIONS WOULD BE MADE.

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3. AS INDICATED IN REF B WE WITHOLDING ALLOTMENT FOR

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PENDING RESOLUTION
PROGRAMMING PROBLEMS. SINCE USAID HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED
THIS PROJECT WOULD BE CANDIDATE FOR ELIMINATION IT
WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO DEFER THIS OBLIGATION IN ANY EVENT.

4. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS SOME RISK OF GOE
REACTION TO EXCESSIVELY DELAYED OBLIGATIONS, WE
NEVERTHELESS BELIEVE OBLIGATIONS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED
AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE TO ACTUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR
DISBURSEMENTS UNTIL THE WAIVER ISSUE IS RESOLVED.

5. FOR THOSE PROJECTS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE FUNDS
UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 1, 1974 YOU SHOULD ARRANGE FOR
OBLIGATIONS AFTER DECEMBER 11.

6. SUBJECT TO FOREGOING CONSIDERATIONS YOU SHOULD
PROCEED WITH OBLIGATIONS AS NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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